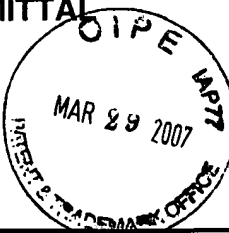


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL		Application Number: 10/501,323	Confirmation Number: 7887
Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Filing Date: December 13, 2002	
		First Named Inventor: Kensuke FUJII	
		Group Art Unit: 3673	
		Examiner: John J. KRECK	
		Attorney Docket Number: 04853.0115-00000	



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment.

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

ii. ☒ Other: Amendment and Response previously filed on March 5, 2007

b. ☐ **DO NOT ENTER** the amendment(s) previously filed on _____. An alternate submission is attached.

c. ☐ Enclosed submission: .

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of number months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows: 04/03/2007 SSESHE1 00000039 10501323

i. ☒ \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)1

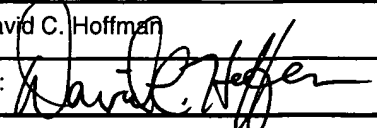
ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for 2 Months \$450.00

iii. ☐ Other _____

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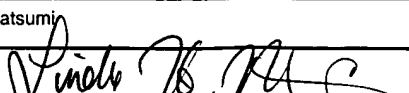
b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,240.00 enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required	
Name: David C. Hoffman	Reg. No.: 59,821
Signature: 	Date: March 29, 2007

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